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completely at that point, but we were not really making a final vote on it. I have had time to let it percolate through my mind. I have had the benefit of Senator Beutler's wise and persuasive comments, and now I am in the Beutler camp on this. I hope Senator Dierks will give his opposing arguments. And, Senator Dierks, if I had time to ask you a question, I would ask, are you going to make additional comments, but I think my time is out, but I will ask the question even though you won't have time to answer it on my time.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Would like to recognize a guest of the Legislature, a student studying in Lincoln from Japan, Kimiko Kitigawa. Would you please stand and be recognized. Would also like to announce that the bills read on Final Reading this morning, while the Legislature is in session and capable of transacting business, I propose to sign and do sign LB 874, LB 756, LB 601, LB 599, LB 541, thank you, Senator Lindsay, LB 456, LB 449, LB 449A, LB 434, LB 381, LB 381A, LB 372, LB 194, LB 187, LB 862, LB 759, LB 467, LB 448, LB 448A, and LB 424. Senator Schimek.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes, thank you. Mr. President, members of the body, I rise in opposition to the bill, but I don't feel as radically opposed to it being offered on this bill as I did on LR 6CA, but the reason I am in opposition to it, I think that Senator Beutler has raised an interesting idea here. I think that it possibly has some merit in the long run, perhaps, but I don't think it has had enough public discussion and consideration, and, at this point, I guess I would be opposed to adding it onto this bill. I think it is a very large change in the petition process, and I think it would be... I think it would be ill-considered to put it on this bill at this time on Select File. Now, Senator Beutler, if I am not mistaken, this was... this was in the form of a constitutional amendment when it was introduced in the committee. Is that correct? That is correct. So I... maybe that is the way to go with it. If it is a good public policy, maybe it should be a constitutional amendment, although I understand that the committee killed it because of the argument maybe that there might possibly be too many constitutional amendments on the ballot. And that's, you know, so I have some sympathy with you for that, but I guess I am just not ready to have this on this bill at this time, so I would oppose the Beutler amendment.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Thank you, Senator Schimek. Senator Beutler,